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SUBJ: ECAFE: (SOON TO BE ESCAP): RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN APRIL 5  
PLENARY SESSION

FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED BY CONSENSUS DURING APRIL 5  
ECAFE PLENARY SESSION.

(A) FINANCING THE URGENT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS NEEDS AND LONG  
TERM DEVELOPMENTAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: THIS  
RESOLUTION WAS ORIGINALLY SPONSORED BY IRAN AND RETAINS REFER-  
ENCES TO SHAH'S "INITIATIVES". URGES THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES  
AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS GIVE FULLESTT POSSIBLE  
ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES HURT BY RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.  
SRI LANKA OAVE LONG STATEMENT SAYING RESOLUTION SHOULD RT MUCH  
FURTHER TO HELP COUNTRIES SUCH AS ITSELF FOR WHICH PALANCE OF  
PAYMENTS REPERCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN A DISASTER. PRC RESERVED ON  
THAT PORTION OF RESOLUTION MENTIONING IMF AND IBRD, IN BOTH OF  
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WHICH ROC IS MEMBER. US DEL SAID WE PRECEIVE PROBLEMS BEHIND

THIS RESOLUTION ALL TOO WELL. ADDED -- QUOTE -- WHILE UV IS THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT WE SHOULD NOT AT THIS TIME ENDORSE ANY PARTICULAR SCHEME FOR THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM OIL RICH COUNTRIES TO THOSE IN NEED, WE NONETHELESS SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE THIS RESOLUTION. UNQUOTE. HE CONCLUDED -- QUOTE -- MY GOVERNMENT IS NOW EXAMINING AND WILL IN THE FUTURE EXAMINE ALL PROPOSALS FROM WHATEVER SOURCE WHICH ADDRESS THESE MANY COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE. UNQUOTE.

(B) COLOMBO DECLARATION: THIS WAS MOST DIFFICULT RESOLUTION OF SESSION TO DRAFT, SINCE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WANTED SOMETHING VERY SPECIFIC, BUT OTHERS DISAGREED. IN END, DECLARATION REPEATED ESSENCE OF EARLIER RESOLUTIONS ABOUT WORLD FERTILIZER FUND AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ASSISTANCE, NOTES SEVERITY OF CURRENT REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND CALLS ON ECAFE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE.

(C) CHANGE OF ECAFE'S NAME: RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY SEVEN PACIFIC MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (INCLUDING TTPI), RECOMMENDS TO ECOSOC AND UNGA THAT COMMISSION'S NAME BE CHANGED TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP). THERE WERE NO FORMAL OBJECTIONS, BUT JAPANESE AND SEVERAL OTHERS TOLD US THEY THOUGHT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE TO GET RID OF WELL-KNOWN NAME. PAKISTAN HAD EARLIER MADE WIDELY-CRITICIZED SPEECH QUESTIONING INCLUSION OF THE "VAST AND EMPTY" REGIONS OF PACIFIC IN ECAFE.

(D) RATIONALIZATION OF ECAFE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE: AFTER MANY HOURS OF NEGOTIATION IN WORKING GROUP, RESOLUTION WAS PRODUCED WHICH INCLUDED EVERYTHING WE FAVORED. THERE WAS BRIEF FLURRY OF DEBATE ON ONE ASPECT OF PLENARY SESSION, BUT THEN THIS IMPORTANT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

(E) ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIAN CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY: AS CONFERENCE OPENED, MAIN DISPUTE ON THIS RESOLUTION WAS WHETHER CENTER SHOULD BE IN PAKISTAN OR PHILIPPINES. WE MADE IT CLEAR WE SUPPORTED LATTER, BUT OTHERWISE KEPT IN BACKGROUND. PAKISTAN EVENTUALLY WITHDREW. THEN IN APRIL 5 PLENARY SESSION, INDONESIA MADE WELL-REASONED STATEMENT FOR RECORD ABOUT ECAFE SCATTERING ITS RESOURCES INTO TOO MANY INSTITUTES, BUT AGREED TO ADOPTING THIS RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS. VAN HOLLEN UNQUOTE RUSH

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